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SUBJ: JAPANESE VIEWS ON DRAFT RESOLUTION ON KOREA SUBMITTED
BY COMMUNIST AND NON-ALIGNED SPONSORS

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1. POLCOUNS AND MISOFF CALLED AUGUST 12 AT JAPANESE MISSION
TO SEEK JAPANESE VIEWS ON DRAFT RES ON KOREA SUBMITTED AUGUST
8 BY COMMUNIST AND NON-ALIGNED COSPONSORS (REFTEL).

2. MINISTER OHTAKA SAID JAPANESE STILL STUDYING "OTHER SIDE'S"
INITIATIVE AND HAD NO COMMENT FROM TOKYO. WHEN JAPANESE
COUNSELOR KATO INJECTED "WE ARE HOPING TO REACH SOME KIND OF
CONSENSUS", POLCOUNS STRESSED DANGER TO FRIENDLY RES IF
THIS SORT OF VIEW SPREAD ABOUT. OHTAKA AND KATO THEN REPHRASED
JAPANESE VIEW, EXPLAINING JAPANESE POSITION THAT RES OF KOREAN
QUESTION SHOULD BE REACHED NOT BY CONFRONTATION BUT BY DIALOGUE.
FURTHERMORE, JAPAN CONSIDERS IT VERY IMPORTANT IN SECURING THE
PEACE IN EAST ASIA TO HAVE A LEGAL FRAMEWORK FOR MAINTENANCE
OF PEACE AFTER DISSOLUTION OF UN COMMAND. POLCOUNS THANKED
THEM FOR FULLER EXPLANATION AND REITERATED IMPORTANCE OF
AVOIDING AT THIS STAGE REFERENCE TO "CONSENSUS", A WORD SUBJECT AT
UN TO VARYING INTERPRETATIONS.

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3. JAPANESE REPS AGREED IT HIGHLY DESIRABLE THAT US AND JAPAN PROMPTLY REACH A COMMON UNDERSTANDING REGARDING SUBSTANTIVE AND TACTICAL ASPECTS OF SITUATION NOW THAT "OTHER SIDE" HAS TABLED ITS RES.

4. REGARDING "OTHER SIDE'S" DRAFT RES, US NOTED INTER ALIA THAT PARAS 1 AND 4 OF EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM UNACCEPTABLE GIVEN THEIR REFERENCE TO US "OCCUPATION" OF SOUTH KOREA. ACCORDING JAPANESE, NORTH KOREANS HAVE EXPLAINED TO COSPONSORS THAT OP PARA 2 OF DRAFT RES, IN CALLING UPON "REAL PARTIES" TO ARMISTICE AGREEMENT TO REPLACE KOREAN MILITARY ARMISTICE AGREEMENT WITH A PEACE AGREEMENT, REFERS TO THE US AND NORTH KOREA. US EMPHASIZED THAT THIS TOO SEEMED UNACCEPTABLE. JAPANESE READILY AGREED THIRD OPERATIVE PARA ALSO PRESENTED PROBLEM.

5. COMMENT: WE HAVE SENSED A READINESS AMONG FRIENDLY DELEGATIONS (PERHAPS EVEN JAPANESE) TO VIEW THE "OTHER SIDE'S" RES AS AN INVITATION TO CONSENSUS ON KOREAN QUESTION AT 30TH UNGA. TO DISPELL THIS VIEW, SUPPORT FROM JAPAN WILL BE ESSENTIAL. WHILE US REPS MADE IT CLEAR THEY SPEAKING WITHOUT INSTRUCTIONS, THEY GAVE JAPANESE NO ENCOURAGEMENT TO EXPECT WASHINGTON WOULD REGARD RIVAL INITIATIVE FAVORABLY.
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